

CITY OF CORTLAND
LANDSCAPE AND DESIGN COMMISSION
MINUTES– March 9, 2011
Mayor’s Conference Room, 4:00 p.m.

Members Present: Mike Dexter (Chair), Anne Doyle, Paul Paradine, Diane Batzing

Advisory Rep: Jim Maloney

Approve February 9, 2010 Minutes: Comm. Doyle, 1st; Comm. Paradine, 2nd

2011 Tree Lottery and DEC Urban Forestry Grant Concerns

Bernie Thoma is concerned that this year’s Lottery funds cannot be spent before implementing the DEC grant monies. Notification is expected at the end of July. We will check into this.

Tree Ordinance Changes

At the April meeting, we will revise the Ordinance language that would give the City ownership of the right-of-way trees and better define tree trimming and removal guidelines. We will invite Patrick Perfetti to discuss these changes at the May meeting.

Charles St./NYSEG Planning

Comm. Paradine will present the NYSEG plan at the April meeting. The lot will include metal fencing with a bronze plaque, a stone berm with trees and native plants. Four trees will be planted in the right-of-way.

Other

- **Randall St.:** Comm. Dexter received a phone message from homeowner explaining that he removed one tree and drastically trimmed another because of roots in his sewer line. He would like a recommendation for planting a replacement tree with noninvasive roots.
- **National Grid Tree Removals:** Comm. Dexter and Jim Maloney looked at several trees that are slated for removal by the city this year. National Grid will remove a tree at 10 Wadsworth St. tomorrow and six more this year, for a total of 7 trees out of 20 on the City’s list.
- **Starr Bistro Landscape Project Possibility:** Jim Maloney suggested that we ask Country Max to display trees, shrubs and other plants on the Starr Bistro corner (Main and Port Watson Streets) during the Jets camp in July and August. This would provide advertising for Country Max as well as landscape interest for this intersection.
- **Planting Project:** Mayor Feiszli has asked whether the Commission would like to initiate a summer flower project at the Welcome to Cortland entrances.
- **Cazenovia Workshop Announcement:** “Native Trees for CNY’s Urban Home and Degraded Landscapes” – March 26, 2011 at 9 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: April 13, 2011 – Mayor’s Conference Room – 4:00 p.m.

Respectfully,
Comm. Batzing